## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-20. (canceled)

- 21. (new) An electropyrotechnic initiator comprising a box (1) of plastic material and a pyrotechnic charge (6), said charge (6) comprising at least one compound, characterized in that the box (1) contains two sub-assemblies:
- a first sub-assembly (2) made in a single part comprising a plastic wall (4) integral with a bottom (5) also made of plastic, having a face (15) and forming a container,
- a second plastic sub-assembly (3) made of plastic having a main axis (10), traversed by at least two pins (11, 12) parallel to said axis (10), said pins (11, 12) being connected together by an electric bridge (13) on a face (14) of said second plastic sub-assembly (3), said face (14) being hollowed symmetrically over a height H and a width L, said sub-assembly (3) forming a base,
- said first (2) and second (3) sub-assemblies being hermetically assembled by ultrasonic welding,
- and wherein, before assembly of sub-assemblies, the internal diameter  $D_1$  of the first sub-assembly (2) is smaller than the external diameter  $D_2$  of the hollowed portion of the

second sub-assembly (3) in the portions of the first and second sub-assemblies which are disposed opposite one another during ultrasonic welding.

- 22. (new) An initiator according to claim 21, characterized in that the hollowed face (14) of the second subassembly (3) has a symmetrical recess (17) with height h and width 1 to form a raised lump of the electric bridge (13).
- characterized in that, before assembly of said sub-assemblies, the vacuum height h' of the first sub-assembly is smaller than the height h + H, of the second sub-assembly, H being the height of the welding heel, h the height of the lump and h' the differential height between the outmost external layer (9) of the pyrotechnic charge (6) after pre-compressing the compounds and said face (15) of the container (2).
- 24. (new) An initiator according to claim 21, characterized in that the plastic of the first and second sub-assemblies is a material with low regain of humidity.
- 25. (new) An initiator according to claim 24, characterized in that the plastic is a polyketone.
- 26. (new) An initiator according to claim 24, characterized in that the plastic is a teraphthalate polybutylene (PBT).
- 27. (new) An initiator according to claim 24, characterized in that the plastic is a polyamide.

- 28. (new) An initiator according to claim 27, characterized in that the plastic is the polyamide PA 6.12.
- 29. (new) An initiator according to claim 21, characterized in that the second sub-assembly (3) is molded over the pins (11, 12).
- 30. (new) An initiator according to claim 21, characterized in that the pins (11, 12) comprise electrodes.
- 31. (new) An initiator according to claim 30, characterized in that the electrodes are scored.
- 32. (new) An initiator according to claim 21, characterized in that a joint formed by said ultrasonic welding (16) is a shear joint.
- 33. (new) An initiator according to claim 21, characterized in that a joint formed by said ultrasonic welding is a semi shear joint.
- 34. (new) A method for assembling an electropyrotechnic initiator characterized in that it comprises:
- .- the production of a first sub-assembly (2) made in a single part comprising a plastic wall (4) integral with a bottom (5) also made of plastic, having a face (15) and forming a container, and of a second sub-assembly (3) made of plastic having a main axis (10), traversed by at least two pins (11, 12) parallel to axis (10), said pins (11, 12) being connected together by an electric bridge (13) on a face (14) of said second plastic sub-assembly (3), said face (14) being hollowed

symmetrically over a height H and a width L, said sub-assembly

(3) forming a base;

- providing said first sub-assembly (2) with a pyrotechnic charge (6) by a dry loading process; and
- assembling by ultrasonic welding said first sub-assembly and said second sub-assembly,
- and in that before assembly of said sub-assemblies, the internal diameter  $D_1$  of the first sub-assembly (2) is smaller than the external diameter  $D_2$  of the hollowed portion of the second sub-assembly (3) in the portions of the first and second assemblies which are disposed opposite one anther during ultrasonic welding.
- 35. (new) A method for assembling an electronic initiator according to claim 34, characterized in that the pyrotechnic charge comprises a primary compound (8) and a secondary compound (7), and pre-compressing each of said compounds (7, 8) of the pyrotechnic charge.
- 36. (new) A method for assembling an electrotechnic initiator according to claim 25, characterized in that said precompressing is reflected with a pressure less than 120 bars for the primary compound (8) and with a pressure greater than 150 bars for the secondary compound (7).
- 37. (new) An initiator according to claim 22, characterized in that the plastic used to make the first and second sub-assemblies is a material with low regain of humidity.

- 38. (new) An initiator according to claim 22, characterized in that the second sub-assembly (3) is molded over the pins  $(11,\ 12)$ .
- 39. (new) An initiator according to claim 23, characterized in that the second sub-assembly (3) is molded over the pins (11, 12).
- 40. (new) An initiator according to claim 24, characterized in that the second sub-assembly (3) is molded over the pins (11, 12).